(b) what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Four persons, namely, Inspector Jagjit Singh, Shri Hit Abhilashi, Punjab BJP President; driver of Shri Hit Abhilashi, and Major General B. N. Kumar were killed by the terrorists during the last one year.

(b) Cases have been registered in the concerned Police Stations of the territory. As per information received from Chandigarh Administration, 4 accused, involved in the murder of Inspector Jagjit Singh are reported to have been killed in police encounter. In case FIR No. 227/88 of Police Station West, (Shri Hit Abhilashi's case) accused have been identified. In case FIR No. 255/88 of Police Station Sector 39 (Maj. Gen. B. N. Kumar's case) a terrorist group has claimed the shoot out. Assistance from Punjab Police has also been sought, to apprehend the assailants. Other Central Police organisations have also been requested to cooperate in the investigations etc.

विकास आयोग (हथकरघा) दिल्ली

2546. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी हाल ही में सरकार ने पंजीकरण करने का दायित्व मद्रास हथकरघा निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद् से छीन कर विकास आयुक्त (हथकरघा) दिल्ली को दे दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को यह निर्णय कतिपय शिकायतों व त्रुटियों के आधार पर लेने को बाध्य होना पड़ेगा ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या खामियां या शिकायतें थीं और क्या सरकार ने पहले इन शिकायतों या खामियों की जांच कराई थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम रहा और जांच करने वाले अभिकरण का क्या नाम है;

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (घ) सरकार ने विकास आयुक्त (हथकरघा) को हथकरघा वस्तुओं के लिए पंजीकरण प्राधिकरण के रूप में अधिसूचित किया है, देखिए वाणिज्य मंत्रालय की सार्वजनिक सूचना सं० 56-आईटीसी (पी एन)/88-91 दिनांक 20-9-1988 तथापि मद्रास उच्च न्यायालय में सरकार के विनिश्चय के विरुद्ध एक याचिका दायर की गई है और यह मामला न्याय निर्णयाधीन है ।

STC defrauded in garment export deal

2547. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation (STC) has been defrauded of lakhs of rupees in premium in a garment export deal with a Bombay based firm;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the top executives of STC are involved in this scandal;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken so far against the erring officials; and

(d) whether some of the executives have resigned from the STC over this deal anticipating some action and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) On

complaints received from various quarters about allocation of garment quota to a private firm in Bombay, an internal investigation was carried on by the State Trading Corporation on the alleged irregularities. Based on this internal investigation, the matter has been referred to the CBI for further investigation. The matter is under investigation of the CBI.

No top executive of STC has so far resigned from the Corporation on account of this deal. However, one Chief General Manager dealing with textiles and readymade garment division, took voluntary retirement from the srvice of STC after attaining the age of 55 years as per service regulations of STC.

Show Cause Notices issued to Jewellers for passing of Gold Ornaments of Low Purity

2548. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gold Control Authority had served show cause notices to leading jewellers some time back for their alleged passing off gold ornaments of low purity as that made from 22 carat gold;

(b) if so, what are the details of jewellers to whom show cause notices were served;

(c) whether the Income Tax authorities have since completed the task of checking of their account books etc.; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action has been taken by Government against the jewellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Show Cause Notices have been served on the following jewellers:—

Sr. No.	Name of the Jeweller	Collectorate under whom falling
1	M/s. Tribhovandas Bhimji Zaveri	Bombay
2	M/s Savajubhai Jewellers	Do.
3	M/s B.A. Shah Bros.	Do.
4	M/s Danabhai Minawala	Do.
5.	M/s. Puroshatam Vishram Zaveri	Do.
6.	M/s. Narandas & Sons	Do.
7.	M/s. Nanubhai Jewellers	Do.
8.	M/s. Lakshmi Jewellery	Combatore
9	Kiruba & Co.	Do.
10	Venco Jewellers	Do.
11	Thanga Maligai	Do.
12	R.V. Jewellers	Do.